

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02934-CRC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 10/01/2019
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper Jury Demand: None
Case: 1:19-cv-03058-CRC Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6408612) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Attachment 2 replaced on 10/2/2019) (zeg). (Entered: 10/01/2019)

10/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/02/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zeg) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/02/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/04/2019	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Daniel McGrath)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/04/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Charles Abbuhl on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/11/2019	<u>6</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>4</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Declaration of Eric Stein)(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/17/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sara Kaiser Creighton on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to attend a telephonic conference on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Dial-in information will be provided separately. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/17/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/17/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Telephone Conference set for 10/17/2019 at 4:00 PM before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (lsj) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/17/2019		Minute Entry for Telephone Conference held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/17/2019. The parties are to appear for a Motion Hearing set for 10/23/2019 at 1:00 PM in Courtroom 27A before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira) (lsj) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/18/2019	<u>8</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on October 17, 2019; Page Numbers: 1–7. Date of Issuance: October 18, 2019. Court Reporter/Transcriber Lisa A. Moreira, RDR, CRR, Telephone number (202) 354–3187, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 11/8/2019. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/18/2019. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/16/2020.(Moreira, Lisa) (Entered: 10/18/2019)</p>
10/18/2019	<u>9</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>4</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/22/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth J. Shapiro on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
10/23/2019	<u>11</u>	SURREPLY to re <u>4</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Abbuhl, Joshua) Modified on 10/23/2019 (ztd). Modified on 11/18/2019 to reinstate document (jf). (Entered: 10/23/2019)

10/23/2019		Minute Entry for Motion Hearing held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/23/2019. Oral arguments submitted on Plaintiff's Motion <u>4</u> for Preliminary Injunction. Forthcoming Order. (Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira) (lsj) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/23/2019		ENTERED IN ERROR DOCUMENT REINSTATED.....NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>11</u> Surreply; emailed to joshua.abbuhl@usdoj.gov, cc'd 4 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. You must file a Motion for Leave to file a Surreply. The surreply must be attached as an exhibit to the motion. (ztd,) Modified on 11/18/2019 (jf). (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Case related to Case No. 19-cv-3058. (Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/25/2019	<u>13</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on October 23, 2019; Page Numbers: 1-34. Date of Issuance: October 25, 2019. Court Reporter/Transcriber Lisa A. Moreira, RDR, CRR, Telephone number (202) 354-3187, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 11/15/2019. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/25/2019. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/23/2020.(Moreira, Lisa) (Entered: 10/25/2019)</p>
10/25/2019	<u>14</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/4/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/3/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/10/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/10/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/25/2019)
10/25/2019	<u>15</u>	ORDER granting in part <u>4</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. See full Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/25/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/25/2019)
10/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement (Joint Status Report) due by 10/30/2019. Further Joint Status Report due by 11/25/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 10/25/2019)
10/30/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 10/30/2019)
11/01/2019	<u>17</u>	OPINION and ORDER re: <u>16</u> Joint Status Report. See full Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/1/2019. (lccrc3) Modified on 11/1/2019 (lsj). (Entered: 11/01/2019)
11/04/2019	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Abbuhl, Joshua) Modified date filed due to technical cmecf issues on 11/26/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>20</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>Complaint</i> by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Amended Complaint)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 11/26/2019)

11/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a Status Conference on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10AM in Courtroom 27A. The parties should be prepared to discuss the issues raised in their <u>19</u> November 25 Joint Status Report. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/27/2019. (lccrc3) Modified to amend year on 12/2/2019 (lsj). (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Hearing to be Rescheduled</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Shapiro, Elizabeth) Modified event title on 12/2/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting the Government's <u>21</u> Consent Motion to Reschedule Hearing. It is hereby ORDERED that the December 3, 2019 Status Conference shall be held at 11:30AM in Courtroom 27A. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/2/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/02/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 12/3/2019 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom 27A before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (lsj) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant is hereby ORDERED to file the State Department's search declaration with the Court on or before December 9, 2019. The Court will take the parties' current requests under advisement pending review of the declaration. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/3/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/03/2019)
12/03/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper: Status Conference held on 12/3/2019. (Court Reporter Lisa Moreira.) (hmc) (Entered: 12/03/2019)
12/04/2019	<u>22</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on December 3, 2019; Page Numbers: 1–23. Date of Issuance: December 4, 2019. Court Reporter/Transcriber Lisa A. Moreira, RDR, CRR, Telephone number (202) 354–3187, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 12/25/2019. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 1/4/2020. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 3/3/2020.(Moreira, Lisa) (Entered: 12/04/2019)</p>